

SOCIALISTS SPLIT IN GERMANY OVER PEACE QUESTION

One Faction Demands Government Statement of Acceptable Terms

ANOTHER BACKS KAISER

By CARL W. ACKERMAN

BERLIN, Dec. 1.—A split threatens Socialist ranks in the Reichstag.

Exciting caucuses are being held. A split is likely.

One group is insisting on Government statement of the peace terms Germany will accept.

The other believes this would be a confession of weakness.

There is also a difference of opinion over Government food policy.

The Socialist paper Vorwaerts again takes up the peace question today.

It demands that members of the Reichstag be permitted to engage in a free and public discussion of peace terms.

The Berlin newspapers generally praise the speech of President Ebert.

Officers of the Crown Prince's army, in the Argonne, are little concerned, however, over either the Greek or the Rumanian situation.

Berlin officialdom reflects this confidence concerning the Balkans.

There is even less worry concerning Rumania than over Greece.

It is pointed out that the front country is beset on three sides by the Hungarians, the Austro-Germans in Serbia and the Bulgarians.

Regardless of Greek or Rumanian developments, it is declared the German-Austrian-Bulgarian-Turkish communication line is unbreakable.

UNCLE JOE ABJURES WAY OF "WICKEDNESS"

Former Speaker Plans to Live Down Reputation—Refrains From Criticizing President

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—"Uncle Joe" Cannon, ex-Speaker of the House, is going to Washington next week on the most important mission since he first went there as a Representative forty-odd years ago.

The Danville sage intends to live down "a reputation for wickedness" which he feels has been unjustly thrust upon him.

Throughout the talk, "Uncle Joe" maintained a consistency of decorum in choice of phrases and accents.

The former Speaker said he was not at all concerned over possibility of the United States being drawn into the European conflict.

He said he has more concern for possibilities of danger in the Mexican situation.

"I didn't vote for Mr. Wilson in 1912 and I won't vote for him in 1916," he said, "but I won't criticize his attitude in the European matter. It is not a time for partisanship. It is a time for every one to support the President of the United States."

"What do you think of the Administration's preparedness program?" he was asked.

He forgot himself a moment and violently waved his left fist periously near the questioner's nose.

He showed his old world, though, and it dropped harmlessly to the questioner's knee.

Then he said: "I don't care to discuss Garrison's army. I don't care to discuss Danier's proposals. I do care to say, however, and the left arm began to wave again, "that we must have an efficient navy of sufficient size and a standing army of proportions that will be insurance against war and assurance to our people that we will be safe in all events."

Adoption of a closure rule by the Senate, Cannon said, would be a serious mistake.

WILL AID WOUNDED SOLDIERS

Dr. Thomas Buckner to Serve in Hospital at Paris

ATTACKS ON PHILIPPINE POLICY WORRY DEMOCRATS

Garrison Working on Reply to Ex-President Taft's Criticism

By a Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The Administration is greatly concerned over the attacks being directed against its Philippine policy.

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EIGHT BILLIONS TO DATE IS WAR BILL OF BRITAIN

Asquith Tells Trades Union Conference Stupendous Expenditures

COST \$25,000,000 A DAY

LONDON, Dec. 1.—The war has cost England \$3,700,000,000.

The daily expenditures of the nation are now nearing \$25,000,000.

These stupendous financial figures were given by Premier Asquith in a speech before the Trades Unions' conference on national economy today.

The Premier pointed out the necessity for economy in all ways of living.

"Since August, 1914," said the Premier, "the naval and military expenditures and the financial assistance given the empire and our allies amount to \$1,662,000,000 (\$5,110,000,000).

In our daily expenditures we are nearing a mark of \$5,000,000 (\$15,000,000).

Representatives of all the important trades unions in England, Scotland and Ireland attended the conference, which was called to devise ways and means of assisting the Government and formulating a system of national economy.

The Premier pointed out that the expenditures owing to the war were unprecedented and appealed to the conference to make the burden of Government lighter by deferring wage-increase demands.

"The Government," he said, "is asking the trade union leaders to prevent a general demand for an advance in wages. It is estimated that four and a half million people have obtained since the war began a weekly average increase in wages of three shillings six pence."

According to the Premier's figures, the total wage increase borne by the employees of Great Britain since the war amounts to \$3,750,000,000.

Continuing, the Premier pointed out that the cost of food had increased 40 per cent, rents, 2 per cent, fuel 25 per cent, clothing 20 per cent, and miscellaneous items 15 per cent.

He asked that all classes be prepared to contribute their share to the conduct of the war.

"To queries why the Government has not fixed a maximum scale of food prices, President Buncman, of the Board of Trade, explained that this undoubtedly would have diverted supplies from England and created a shortage."

"We have taken 50 per cent of their increased profits from the rich," Chancellor of the Exchequer McKenna, told the labor men. "Now we ask the wage earner to give up 25 per cent of their excess earnings for a war loan on which the Government will pay interest."

FRENCH AVIATOR DROPS BIG SHELLS ON LENS

Another Airmen Attacks Two German Machines—One Put Out of Action

PARIS, Dec. 1.—A French aviator on Monday threw six shells, having a total weight of nearly 1200 pounds, upon the German barracks at Lens, causing serious damage.

According to the communiqué issued by the War Office this afternoon, the communique also reported a battle in the air between a single French aviator and two German machines, in which the Frenchman was victorious.

The text of the communique follows: "Nothing important was reported during the night except an energetic campaign by our artillery in the sector of Frysse, valley of the Somme, following the explosion of a German mine which caused no damage at all."

"In Artois, yesterday, one of our aviators attacked two German machines inside of the enemy's lines. One was forced to land. The other took to flight and was pursued as far as Doull."

"In the day of November 29 a French aviator threw six shells, each weighing 90 kilograms (198 pounds), on the barracks near the station of Lens, which were seriously damaged."

Delaware Firm Gets Ship Contract

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 1.—Today the Harlan & Hollingsworth Corporation received a contract to build a steamship for the Ocean Steamship Company of New York.

The vessel is to be 440 feet long and will be the largest vessel ever built here.

NEW HAVEN'S DEAL WITH WESTCHESTER RAILROAD

Trial Delayed at Beginning of Eighth Week Pending Court's Decision

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—Starting the eighth week of the trial of the million-dollar former directors of the New Haven Railroad, charged with conspiracy, Federal Judge Hunt promised to hand down a decision some time today affecting the admissibility of the Westchester road testimony.

Evans R. Dick, a broker, whose firm originated the Westchester road idea, was the first witness.

"You were prepared to handle such freight as came to your terminals into your districts in mills, etc.?" asked Mr. Batts, for the Government.

After an affirmative answer, Mr. Batts asked whether that did not include cotton from the South and like materials from interior sections of the country, and again there was an affirmative response.

Mr. Batts was evidently attempting to show that this constituted intent to have interstate traffic.

When the Government asked for more time to produce two more witnesses in support of its contention that the Westchester road was a conspiracy, Judge Hunt acquiesced, intimating that he might not hand down his decision today.

AUSTRIAN EMPEROR ACCEPTS RESIGNATION OF THREE MINISTERS

General Assumption Is That Retiring Cabinet Members Were in Favor of Separate Peace

COLLEAGUES OVERRULE

LONDON, Dec. 1.—Three members of the Austrian cabinet, the Ministers of Commerce, Finance and the Interior, have resigned, according to a Central News dispatch from Amsterdam, which gives the Wiener Zeitung as the authority for its report.

"According to the Wiener Zeitung," adds the Amsterdam message, "Emperor Francis Joseph accepted the Ministers' resignations and thanked the three for their work, which was crowned with success despite difficult conditions. As their successors, the Emperor appointed Prince Bohlen-Schlillingfurst, Minister of the Interior; Count von Letta, Minister of Finance; and Herr von Fitzmueller, Minister of Commerce."

The three resignations naturally are associated in diplomatic comment with reports that Austrian leaders have been discussing a separate peace for their country.

The general assumption is that they favored such a step and were overruled.

The Finance Minister is thought likely to have surrendered his portfolio because unable to raise money to continue the struggle. The Interior Minister is presumed to have retired through inability to organize food distribution satisfactorily and perhaps because he could not cope with outbreaks of popular discontent.

The Commerce Minister, it is suggested, undoubtedly was called into consultation with the heads of both other departments in connection with the country's industries.

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RUSSIAN GUNS BY MASSES FIRE MOW DOWN FOE

German Assault North of Ilioukust at Dawn Repulsed

INCURSION AT PINSK

PETROGRAD, Dec. 1.—Artillery attacks are resuming their old violence along the Riga front, according to the official communication just issued by the general staff.

Russian activity in the Pinsk sector has been renewed.

The staff reports: Southwest of Pinsk we executed a brilliant incursion beyond the German line. Reaching the staff quarters of the 8th German division, in a mansion near Neval, without being perceived, our troops made a sudden attack on the guard of the quarters, and by means of the bayonet and hand grenades the guard was annihilated.

Northwest of Pinsk in the region of Ilioukust and the village of Kadmirichki the Germans Saturday night opened a violent artillery fire against our trenches, and at dawn began an attack, but they were met by the concentrated fire of our artillery and fell back on their trenches, where they came under the fire of their own batteries.

Profiting by this situation our troops launched a counter-attack, as a result of which the enemy was dislodged from Kadmirichki farm and from the wood west of the farm. A portion of our troops at the same time penetrated Ilioukust and entered the eastern suburb. Developing this success we occupied two cemeteries in the village and part of the German trenches farther south. The engagement continues with an increasing violence in the artillery fire.

On the front of Riga the fire of the artillery has increased in intensity.

Seek Poisoner of Dogs at Wayne

The police of Radnor township are trying to locate the person who has been poisoning valuable dogs at Wayne, five of which have died within the last two weeks.

One of the latest dogs to be poisoned belonged to the Rev. H. C. Stone, founder of the Stomach's Club, who lives at St. Davids. Others who lost their pets are Mrs. Benjamin Franklin James, 2d, Mrs. Samuel S. Thornton and Dr. H. C. Hadley.

U. S. AND BRITISH CLASH OVER SHIP SEIZURES

Requisitioning of Genesee and Hocking for Government Use Basis for Protest

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The most serious diplomatic clash between Great Britain and the United States may occur today. Attorneys for the Crown are scheduled to move in two prize courts that the American registered ships Genesee and Hocking be requisitioned for the use of the Government.

On the ground that this is not only a violation of international law, but of British prize-court rules as well, the United States will enter a formal protest.

Ambassador Page, at London, received these instructions late last night. The instructions were to inquire if the British attorneys intended to make such motions, and if so to enter protest. His ground will be that the British prize court has held that ships cannot be requisitioned for Government use until they have been condemned by the court.

Neither the Hocking nor the Genesee has had a trial as yet.

The vessels are owned by the American Transatlantic Company, Richard Wagner, president. The British Government, it is believed, will insist that German funds are behind the company, and that the vessels are enemy ships despite the American registry. The State Department held in its message that ships granted the protection of American registry must be respected by other Governments, and that prize-court proceedings must precede any attempt to seize.

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